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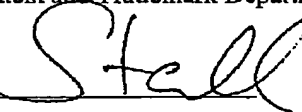
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2. The invention claimed in the above-referenced U.S. patent application Serial Number 10/694,287 was conceived and reduced to practice by inventor Reiner Rygiel in Germany, a WTO country, as evident from the copy of the invention disclosure form enclosed with this Declaration.
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